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Hello parents and students,

Now that we are in the second week of school, teachers and students are beginning to settle in and adjust to the changes in place due to the precautionary measures in place at CSP.

We would like to welcome aboard and give a big tiger roar to our new Technology teacher, Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner will also serve as Assistant Athletic Director.

I would like to share with you some friendly reminders as well as new information about upcoming events.

**Emergency Drills** - Within the next ten days, we will conduct emergency weather drills during the school day. Please speak with your student about the importance of adhering to the instructions that will be given. It is important for students to be quiet and listen so that they know what to expect and are prepared in the event of an emergency, such as the tornado that took place a few weeks ago. If you have any questions about these drills, please feel free to contact me at [djefferson@mycsp.org](mailto:djefferson@mycsp.org).

**Masking** - Masks are to be worn at all times by all persons in the school building. Only cloth masks and disposable masks are permitted. The neck gaiters are NOT permitted. If a student or adult chooses to wear a face shield, the cloth mask must be worn underneath the face shield. Should students fail to comply with this health mandate, disciplinary actions will be taken. The only time masks are not worn is when students are **ACTIVELY** eating, drinking, and for students who are participating in strenuous activities during a physical education class.

**Update:** During lunch, masks are only removed in between each bite or sip. This is a new protocol because some students are finding it difficult to adhere to the previous protocol of masks being down no longer than 30 seconds while eating. Safety is paramount.

### **Car Rider Information**

- **Morning Drop-off** - All students are to be dropped off at the back of the building. **If you arrive after 8:15 am you will drop your students off at the main entrance.** In such cases your child receives a tardy pass should they not make it to class by 8:20 am. Students who accumulate four or more tardies to school within a marking period will receive Saturday detention. We do make exceptions for inclement weather and traffic accidents.
- **Picking up middle school AND high school students** - High school students that ride home with middle school students will report to the cafeteria at the end of the day. Parents picking up both middle and high school students should have the student's last name visible and pick them up at the back of the building. Having the last name visible will make clearing the parking lot run much faster. If you misplace the paper, feel free to make a new one.
- **Picking only Middle School Students** - Middle school students will report to the cafeteria for dismissal. Parents should have the paper with the student's last name visible and pick up at the back of the building.
- **Picking up High School Students Only** - High school students will report to the gymnasium lobby area at dismissal time. Parents should make the first left into the parking lot and drive around to pick up their students. All students will be waiting outside of the gym entrance.

To look over the procedures that were sent out previously, please click [HERE](#).

**Bus Transportation** - If we do not receive a response from you, it may jeopardize your student's seat on the bus. We have extended the deadline until Monday, **Sep 27, 2021**.

- **PLEASE READ!** All students riding a bus must submit the Student Transportation COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Risk. Please click [HERE](#) to access the form.

### **Student Handbook Forms**

- All students must return a Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form. Please click [HERE](#) for directions on downloading and submitting electronically. If you choose this way to send in the form, please email the form back to Ms. June at [jcalvert@mycsp.org](mailto:jcalvert@mycsp.org). If you want to have a paper form to fill out, sign, and return, please have your child pick one up from the front desk. Once you fill it out, your child should return it to the front desk. Students should **not** give the form to their teacher. **We have extended the deadline to Monday, Sep 27, 2021**.

### **Meal Benefit Application**

- If you would apply for reduced/free lunch in a normal school year, please take the time to submit the application. The data collected is used to assist parents with other costs throughout the year such as fee waivers for AP exams.  
<https://aacpsschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/>

### **Visiting the Building**

- **We recognize that as students fully return to buildings, families and community members will naturally want to be involved in our school. Given that we remain in a pandemic and our focus must be on the instruction of our students, visitors to our**

**school will be permitted only on a limited basis and only by appointment. We ask that families and community members work with us to help fulfill our main goal: to keep the school open and fully functioning in the safest manner possible throughout the school year**

- If you need to schedule an appointment and are unsure whom to contact, please email Ms. O'Brien [AOBRIEN@MYCSP.ORG](mailto:AOBRIEN@MYCSP.ORG), and she will assist you. As much as we miss you all visiting the building, we are unable to honor that request at this time.
- If you are visiting the building, you must park in a parking space. Please do not park on the curb outside the main entrance.

### **After School Club Selections**

- This year's after-school selection is limited due to clubs being offered during the school day and other teacher obligations such as academic support for students.
- Please click [HERE](#) to select your student's after-school club choice.

Drawstring Bags Water Bottles - Students are permitted and encouraged to bring a water bottle and drawstring bag with them to school each day. Drawstring bags are allowed to be carried throughout the day without having to be placed in the locker like backpacks.

### **Uniforms:**

- **Backordered Items** - Flynn O'Hara has shared the list of students who have uniform orders arriving after the start of school. Only these students are permitted to wear solid-colored polo shirts assigned to middle or high school until **October 4**. **No exceptions will be made after this date.** Again, this only applies to those students whose names have been shared with the school.

### **Picture Day for grades 6-11 and staff - Thursday, Sep 30, 2021**

- In the past, students were required to wear their white Oxford shirts in order to be photographed for the yearbook. This year, because of our unique circumstances with uniforms, students will be allowed to wear their white Oxford or their CSP polo shirt. We will no longer lend out shirts or ties to students in order to be photographed for the yearbook. That practice has been discontinued. Students received order forms yesterday and should bring those on the day of if they wish to purchase them. Parents can also register online to purchase packages.
- **Senior Make-up Picture Day- October 19, 2021** - Seniors who missed the scheduled day during the summer, can be photographed for the yearbook on this day. If you wish to set up a whole senior portrait session, please reach out to Prestige directly.
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**Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 21, 2021** - If you are new to CSP, you MUST register on Family ID in order to schedule your child's conferences. We recommend that you take care of this now instead of waiting until scheduling opens. Time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register on Family ID, please click [HERE](#). Please scroll to the bottom and click Register Now.

**CSP's PTSO Needs YOU** - PTSO is now accepting and **seeking** CSP community members to fill the following Executive Officer positions for the 2021-22 school year: President, Co-Vice President, & Secretary

We welcome all nominations and will strive to create a diverse and balanced representation for our CSP community. Our goal is to actively enrich the educational opportunities at our school for all students. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone you think would be a great candidate, please complete the form [HERE](#). The deadline for submission is October 1, 2021. We plan to have a close virtual PTSO meeting on October 14, 2021, at 5:00 pm to review the results with a public meeting on November 18, 2021.

Respectfully,

Dwight L. Jefferson

Principal